

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1361
By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mayor William H. Boyd
of Mt. Pleasant.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mayor William H. "Willie" Boyd of Mt. Pleasant; and

WHEREAS, Willie Boyd was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens of the City of Mt. Pleasant and Maury County in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Maury County on February 29, 1940, Willie Boyd was the son of the late Harold M. and Louise Barnett Boyd; he grew up in Mt. Pleasant and was a graduate of Hay Long High School; and

WHEREAS, Willie Boyd served with acumen and alacrity as Mayor of the City of Mt. Pleasant for twenty-one years, in which position he earned the respect of his colleagues in city and county government and his constituents alike for the exemplary quality of his work and his stalwart dedication to duty; and

WHEREAS, a man of integrity and honor and a devoted public servant, Mayor Boyd also served the City of Mt. Pleasant as a member of the City Council for thirty-one years; he focused not on a problem but on its solution, utilizing his knowledge and insight, while keeping the best interests of the people as his first and only agenda; and

WHEREAS, a true gentleman and a man of conviction, Mayor Boyd was employed at the time of his passing as a sales representative for Mt. Pleasant Transfer and was the former owner of Boyd's Food Town; he was also one of the founding members of the Junior Order of the United American Mechanics Council No. 256; and

WHEREAS, a public-spirited citizen of the highest order, Willie Boyd was involved with the Mt. Pleasant Lions Club for thirty-eight years and was the former President of the Mt. Pleasant Parent Teachers Association; he was a avid supporter of Mt. Pleasant sports, a former

Little League coach, and a devoted fan of Mt. Pleasant basketball, never missing the opportunity to support the team coached by his son, Derek; and

WHEREAS, a true patriot, Mayor Boyd served his country during the Vietnam War as an Honor Guard at the Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Willie Boyd received the Judge Ed Workman Award in 2005, a fitting recognition of the outstanding leadership he provided for the community of Mt. Pleasant; and

WHEREAS, Willie Boyd was a devout and active member of the First Baptist Church in Mt. Pleasant for sixty years; he loved the church and his church family, serving faithfully as a deacon and a member of the Building Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Boyd's passing is a tragic loss felt throughout Mt. Pleasant and across the State; he was not only an outstanding public servant and an icon in his own right, but was also a great friend to all who were fortunate enough to know him; and

WHEREAS, Willie Boyd was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his beautiful wife of forty-four years, Rebecca Sue Chapman Boyd; three wonderful sons, William Derek Boyd and his wife Helen, Markham Lance Boyd and his wife Tiffany, and Destry Miller Boyd; his loving grandchildren, Morgan Breanna Boyd, Markham Lance Boyd, Jr., Mathin Jarrett Boyd, Samuel Christian Boyd, and Claire Elise Boyd; his sister, Shirley Cube and her husband Ernesto; his brothers, Charles A. Boyd and his wife Ruby, David Boyd and his wife Linda; and Donald Boyd and his wife Carol; and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Willie Boyd leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Mayor William H. "Willie" Boyd of Mt. Pleasant,

reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mayor Boyd.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.